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1. HOUSING SURVEY TEAM OF CHARLES DEAN, JOHN HOWLEY, DAN COLEMAN COMPLETING ASSIGNMENT AND RETURNING WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 5. TEAM WAS JOINED BY PETER KIM, DIRECTOR SER/H, ON FEBRUARY 2 FOR FINAL DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY AND GOP.

2. MAIN GOP CONTACTS FOR TEAM HAVE BEEN NATIONAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND (FFH) AND LISBON MUNICIPAL HOUSING OFFICE (GTH). MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR, AID TEAM AND MINISTER OF FINANCE, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HOUSING, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TREASURY, AND SECRETARY OF STATE FOR BUDGET TOOK PLACE FEBRUARY 3 AND 4 AND AGREEMENT REACHED ON MAJOR ELEMENTS OF DOLS 20 MILLION HOUSING GUARANTY PROGRAM.

3. HIG PROGRAM WILL BE IMPLEMENTED PRIMARILY THROUGH FFH AND WILL FINANCE LOWEST INCOME COMPONENTS OF LARGE NATION-WIDE PROGRAM INTENDED TO PRODUCE 38,000 UNITS DURING 1975 AND 1976.

4. MINISTER OF FINANCE REQUESTED THAT OPTION BE KEPT OPEN TO MIX DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUNDS WITH HG. KIMM HAS DETAILS. MULTI-SECTOR LOAN PAPER NOW BEING CONSIDERED IN WASHINGTON SHOULD INCLUDE HOUSING SECTOR IN ADDITION TO OTHER SECTORS.

5. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HOUSING INDICATED STRONG INTEREST IN TECHNICAL EXCHANGE IN AREAS OF HOUSING SECTOR ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION, HOUSING FINANCE, AND HOUSING POLICY DEVELOPMENT UTILIZING AID GRANT FUNDS.

6. ASSUME HG CAN BE AUTHORIZED USING EXPEDITIOUS PROCEDURES OUTLINED FOR DL AND DG IN REFTTEL AS WELL AS SUBSEQUENT AID AUTHORIZATION. ONCE AUTHORIZED WE WILL PURSUE QUESTIONS OF MIXING FUNDS WITH MINISTRY FINANCE, AND WILL REQUEST FURTHER SER/H ASSISTANCE AT THAT TIME, IF NEEDED.

7. SELECTION FO AID AFFAIRS OFFICER SHOULD REFLECT HEAVY HOUSING COMPONENT OF AID PROGRAM HERE, IF POSSIBLE.
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